

**From:** Kevin Smith  
**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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Dear Sirs,

I am writing this letter today on a Macintosh computer, manufactured by Apple Computer Inc. I have used the Apple brand for many years now and have found it to be a superior product to the compatible PC's on the market today. Having said that, To settle with Microsoft Corporation would be an injustice. They have ran over competitors for many years now in an attempt to monopolize the tech industry. The company was allowed to " borrow " GUI technology from company such as Apple. The steam-roller attitude was formed in those days and now they are so rich and so powerful that they feel as if they can do as they please, rules, ethics, or no. These people should be punished and with the full extent of the law!

Ask companies such as Apple, Netscape, or any other up and coming company that should cross the path of Mr. Gates Inc. Ask yourself a few hard questions:

A. How did this company get to be so rich and powerful? Was it that they produced a superior product? Compared to whom?

B. Why do they control over 95% of the desktop systems in the U.S.? Ford and GM both build automobiles but neither has ever enjoyed that type of market share. If GM or Ford couldn't do it how did Microsoft?

C. Has Microsoft evolved into another AT&T, capable of domination through high prices and limits on choice?

D. Would the market be served to allow increased competition in the technology sector?

E. Isn't it somewhat dangerous to allow mega-corporations to dictate policy to the people?

Do not settle with these people, they would not settle with you.

Respectfully,

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